

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2018**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Arthur Miklosey, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also present were Jerry Dasti, attorney; Pam Hilla, engineer; Brian Waldron, auditor; Deborah Kramer, office manager and Edward A. Woolf, executive director. Nick Juliano, Lacey MUA/Township Committee Liaison also attended the meeting.

**“SUNSHINE
LAW”
STATEMENT**

Mr. Knoeller read the following statement.

Notice of this meeting was adequately provided pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Such Notice was posted at both the Lacey Township Municipal Building and at the Office of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, Forked River, New Jersey.

Such Notice was forwarded to the following newspapers:

- a. Asbury Park Press
- b. Atlantic City Press

Such Notice was also forwarded to the Lacey Township Clerk for posting and filing.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of June 6, 2018 - A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2018. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Abstain; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending May 31, 2018 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending May 31, 2018 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,081,981.68, with earnings of \$5,498.65. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$4,326,324.09, with earnings of \$1,467.96. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$6,966.61. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$70,338.57.

Donation of Vehicle – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to donate a 2002 Ford F250 truck to the Township of Lacey. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Resolution 2018-47 – Final Sewer and Water Approval – Fresenius Kidney Care at Lacey Retail Center – COP Forked River, LLC – Ms. Hilla reported her office received the application and plans for final sewer and water approval for Fresenius Kidney Care at Lacey Retail Center, COP Forked River, LLC, Block 314.01, Lot 29.07. The applicant is proposing to construct an 8,040 SF medical office building on the western side of Route 9 adjacent to Sunrise Boulevard in the Lacey Retail Center site. The applicant proposes to connect to previously installed water main on the site and loop 6” DIP water main with services to the building. The applicant also proposes to connect to an existing 8” sanitary sewer stub and install 8” PVC main to service the building. On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution No. 2018-47, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Final Sewer and Water Approval, Fresenius Kidney Care at Lacey Retail Center, Block 314.01, Lot 29.07, COP Forked River, LLC*. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2018-48 – Permit to Operate – Sewer and Water System – Sea Breeze at Lacey – Section 2, Phase 2G – Ms. Hilla reported the water and sewer system for Phase 2G has successfully passed the testing requirements, and all construction items are complete. Therefore, her office recommends a Permit to Operate the sewer and water system as outlined in their June 28, 2018 letter. A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2018-48, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Permit to Operate Sewer and Water System, Sea Breeze at Lacey, Section 2, Phase 2G (partial), Ambermist Way, Blocks 1901.17, 1901.18, 1901.21, 1901.22, Various Lots*. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2018-49 – Release Cash Bonds Accept Maintenance Bond & Closeout Documents – Ridgemont Homes – White Oaks at Lacey – On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2018-49, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Acceptance of Maintenance Bonds and Closeout Documents, Release Sewer and Water Cash Bonds, Ridgemont Homes, White Oaks at Lacey, Block 1757-1764, Various Lots*. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

New Administration Building – Ms. Hilla reported construction on the administration building started March 19, 2018 and is on-going. Construction of the sewer extension is complete except for final paving.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Dunkin Donuts – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed correspondence from Remington & Vernick regarding tentative water and sewer compliance review.

Wells No 7 & 8 VFD – Mr. Dasti stated the bids have all been returned because they were excessive. The Authority will determine whether the project will be rebid.

New Administration Building – Mr. Dasti stated his office is communicating with the attorney for the Township in order to finalize the Deed of Conveyance.

Verizon Wireless Lease on Water Tank on Hill Street – Mr. Dasti stated he anticipates within the next few days correspondence from the attorney for the carrier requesting that the Authority go out to bid in order to allow additional antennas on the Hill Street Water Tank. New bid specifications will need to be prepared to bid the project.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended May 31, 2018 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer and water revenues had a favorable variance for the month and year-to-date. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and year-to date. Sewer and water user charges had a favorable variance for the month and year-to-date.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

2. The general nature of this closed session concerns contract negotiations and personnel matters.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated matters will be made public once these matters have been resolved.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Separate minutes were kept on the above closed session.

RE-OPEN MEETING

A motion was made and seconded to return to open session. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC BUSINESS/ COMMENT

Mr. Juliano stated some residents have come to him with concerns about the new administration building, particularly how it is being financed, where the money is coming from, etc. He asked Mr. Woolf to attend a Township meeting to address the public's concerns, as well as inform them that utility rates have not increased in the past five years. Additionally, explain how the Township and MUA have different identities.

Verizon – Hill Street Water Tank – A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Miklosey authorizing Mr. Dasti to propose the rental terms of the lease be \$45,000.00 a year, and increased at the rate of 2% per annum after the first year. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Regina Discenza, Sunset Drive – Mrs. Discenza asked when is the anticipated opening date of the new administration building. Mr. Knoeller stated possibly the end of November, 2018.

Mr. Knoeller informed Mrs. Discenza the Authority absorbed the 2% increase from the OCUA and it will be the 5th year in a row there will be no sewer or water rate increases.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, the members of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority carefully examined all vouchers presented for payment of claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority that:

1. Said vouchers in the sum of \$497,577.69 be and the same are hereby approved to be paid.

2. Said vouchers are listed on the attached computer check register.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary